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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the office action dated October 20, 2004. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
	\$ _____		\$ _____
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =		+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

12.20.04 (Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	21	Minus ** 20	= 1
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1	Minus *** 3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 25 =		X \$ 50 =	50.00
X \$ 100 =		X \$ 200 =	
+ \$ 180 =		+ \$ 360 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	50.00

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	•	Minus **	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	•	Minus ***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =		+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	•	Minus **	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	•	Minus ***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =		+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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